

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 455

By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Robert A. Levy on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert A. Levy is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for over thirty years in education and who will be taking a much-deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1943, Robert Levy earned his Ph.D in English from the University of Tennessee (UT); his scholarship is in the areas of Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British Literature, specializing in Chaucer Studies and British Culture; and

WHEREAS, before beginning his impressive professional tenure with the University of Tennessee, Dr. Levy taught in Philadelphia and at Transylvania University in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Robert Levy was first employed with the UT Department of English in 1970 as a Graduate Teaching Assistant; since then, he has held many important positions within the University, including Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Associate Senior Vice President, Associate Vice President and Vice Provost, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Vice President for Academic Affairs; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional, Dr. Levy has studied at the British Museum and New Zealand Universities at Victoria/Wellington, Massey, and Auckland; led Study Abroad to England; edited the annual faculty/staff bibliography *UT Report on Research, Publications,*

and Creative Achievements; and represented UT in the Tennessee Statewide Desegregation Monitoring Committee; and

WHEREAS, Robert Levy has also served as Facilitator Trainer for Higher Education Management Institute; Leader of Statewide Institute for Leadership Development in Higher Education; Chair of the Training Committee for Chairs of Visiting Teams for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), Commission on Colleges; Liaison for the UT SACS Reaffirmation; Chair of UT Task Force on International Education; member of American College Testing (ACT) Program National Education Advisory Board; President of Tennessee ACT Advisory Committee; and Primary Academic Affairs Administrator for the UT System and Oversight of UT Press; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Dr. Levy has received the John C. Hodges Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Levy is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including Knoxville Montessori School Board, Tennessee Statewide Library Advisory Committee, and Tennessee Humanities Council; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Levy also contributes his time and numerous talents to Project GRAD Knoxville Board, Austin-East Finance Academy Board, Holocaust Commission Board, and Tennessee Center for Nursing Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Levy exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Robert Levy is most grateful for the love and support of his wife, Dr. Karen D. Levy, and his daughter, Leslie-Anne Levy; and

WHEREAS, those who know him best speak of Dr. Levy as a passionate educator whose understanding, insight, and counsel are invaluable to the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Robert Levy has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Robert A. Levy our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from the University of Tennessee and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.